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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449 form. To the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time this paper was filed, Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement after the events recited in Section 1.97(b), though before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application.

Applicants attach a copy of the listed document, and respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate it was considered by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, Applicants enclose an English language version of a Taiwanese Office Action, issued

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October 4, 2002, in a counterpart application, setting forth the relevance of the attached document.

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